





YUKON-NORTHERN AREA

The Yukon-Northern Federal subsistence fishery area includes all waters of Alaska between the latitude of Canal Point light and the latitude of the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula, including those draining into the Bering Sea, and all waters of Alaska north of the latitude of the westernmost tip of Point Hope and west of 141° W. Longitude (including those waters draining into the Arctic Ocean and Chukchi Sea). [See maps on pages 10, 11, 14.]

Customary and Traditional Use Determinations:

Yukon River Drainage.

- **Salmon** (Except Yukon River fall chum salmon) – Residents of the Yukon Area, including the community of Stebbins, may take salmon for customary and traditional uses.
- **Chum Salmon** (Yukon River Fall chum salmon) – Residents of the Yukon River drainage, including the communities of Stebbins, Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay, and Chevak, may take chum salmon for customary and traditional uses.
- **Freshwater species** (other than salmon) – Residents of the Yukon-Northern Area may take other freshwater fish for customary and traditional uses. [Freshwater fish include sheefish, whitefish, lamprey, burbot, sucker, grayling, pike, char, and blackfish]

Remainder of Yukon-Northern Area.

Residents of the Northern Area, except for those domiciled in Unit 26(B), may take **all fish** species for customary and traditional uses.

Special Provisions:

NO SUBSISTENCE FISHING PERMIT REQUIRED. You may take **fish** for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit at any time, except in the following locations where subsistence fishing permits are required:

- Yukon River Drainage. From the mouth of Hess Creek to the mouth of the Dall River and from the mouth of 22 Mile Slough upstream to the U.S.-Canada border;
- Tanana River Drainage. Above the mouth of the Wood River; and,
- Birch Creek and within 500 feet of its mouth, for **whitefish** and **suckers** only.

Unless otherwise restricted, you may take **salmon** for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit.

Regulations:

Unless otherwise restricted in this section, you may take **salmon** in the Yukon-Northern Area at any time.

Regulations (continued):

You may take **fish other than salmon or halibut** by set gillnets, drift gillnet, beach seine, fishwheel, pot, long line, fyke net, jigging gear, spear, lead, or a rod and reel, at any time, subject to the following restrictions.

You may take **salmon** only by gillnets, beach seines, fishwheel, or rod and reel, except where noted below.

The following locations are **closed** to subsistence fishing:

- Drainages north of the main Yukon River – Kanuti River upstream from a point five miles downstream of the State highway crossing; Bonanza Creek; Jim River (including Prospect and Douglas Creeks); and, North Fork of the Chandalar River system upstream from the mouth of Quartz Creek
- Delta River
- Big Salt River, Hess Creek, and Beaver Creek (or within 500 feet of their mouths)
- Deadman, Jan, Fielding, and Two-Mile Lakes
- Toklat River drainage (from August 15-May 15)

Upper Yukon River drainage – You may not subsistence fish in Birch Creek or waters within 500 feet of its mouth, except you may take **whitefish and suckers** with a subsistence fishing permit.

Fishing Periods:

During the open weekly fishing periods of the commercial salmon fishing season, if you are a commercial fisherman, you may not:

- Operate more than one type of gear at a time or a set gillnet longer than 50 fathoms or 150 fathoms in aggregate length for commercial, personal use, and subsistence purposes; or,
- Use an aggregate length of set gillnet in excess of 50 fathoms.

In the following locations, you may take **salmon** only during the open weekly fishing periods of the commercial salmon fishing season. You may not take salmon at these locations for subsistence uses for 24 hours before the opening of the commercial fishing season:

- District 4 (excluding the Koyukuk River drainage). If you are a commercial fisherman, you may not take salmon for subsistence uses during the commercial salmon fishing season with gillnets having mesh larger than six inches, or after a date specified by ADF&G emergency order (issued between July 10 and July 31). You may not take salmon using drift gillnets.
- Subdistrict 4-A, you may take **king salmon** upstream and downstream from the mouth of Stink Creek, by drift gillnets less than 150 feet long from June 10-July 14, and **chum salmon** upstream from the mouth of Stink Creek by drift gillnets after August 2.

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Fishing Periods (continued):

You may not take **salmon** at the following locations for subsistence uses for 24 hours before the opening of the commercial fishing season:

- Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C from June 15-September 30, you may only take **salmon** from 6:00 p.m. Sunday until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. Friday.

- District 6 (excluding the Kantishna River drainage), you may only take **salmon** from 6:00 p.m. Friday until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.

- Districts 1, 2, 3, Subdistrict 4-A (excluding the Koyukuk and Innoko River drainages).

In Districts 1, 2, and 3, after the opening of the commercial salmon fishing season through July 15, you may not take salmon for subsistence for 18 hours immediately before, during, and for 12 hours after, each commercial salmon fishing period.

After July 15, you may not take salmon (except king salmon) for subsistence for 12 hours after each commercial fishing period.

If you are a commercial fisherman registered for District 1, 2, or 3, you may not take salmon for subsistence purposes in any other district located downstream from Old Paradise Village.

Subdistrict 4-A. After the opening of the commercial salmon fishing season, you may not take salmon for subsistence for 12 hours immediately before, during, and after each commercial fishing period.

You may take **king salmon** during the commercial fishing season, with drift gillnet gear only, from 6:00 p.m. Sunday until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. Friday. You may not possess king salmon taken for subsistence purposes unless the dorsal fin has been removed immediately after landing.

During any commercial salmon fishing season closure for more than five days in duration, you may not take **salmon** for subsistence uses in these districts:

- District 4 (excluding the Koyukuk River drainage), from 6:00 p.m. Friday until 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

- District 5 (excluding the Tozitna River drainage and Subdistrict 5-D) from 6:00 p.m. Sunday until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Gear:

You may take **fish** other than salmon and halibut by set gillnets, drift gillnet, beach seine, fish wheel, long line, fyke net, dip net, jigging gear, spear, lead, or rod and reel, subject to the following restrictions (which also apply to salmon fishing).

Regulations (continued):

Districts 4, 5, and 6. You may not set subsistence fishing gear within 200 feet of other operating commercial, personal use, or subsistence fishing gear, except:

- You may set subsistence fishing gear within 200 feet of other operating commercial or subsistence fishing gear in the area locally called, “The Slide.” This area falls one mile upstream from Ruby, on the south bank of the Yukon River, between ADF&G regulatory markers.
- *District 4.* From Old Paradise Village upstream to a point four miles upstream from Anvik, there is no minimum distance requirement between fishwheels. During the commercial salmon fishing season, within the Yukon River and the Tanana River below the confluence of the Wood River, you may use drift gillnets and fishwheels only during open subsistence salmon fishing periods.